

## ANTI-BOLL WEEVIL CONVENTION MEETS

Governor Blanchard Welcomes The Delegates.

MANY PLANS TO KILL THE PEST

Much Interest Is Being Manifested. Every Cotton-Growing State Is Represented—Cotton Seed Oil Men Are Also Attending Convention.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 13.—The National Boll Weevil and Cotton Convention was called to order at 3 o'clock this afternoon by Judge John C. Pugh, the chairman of the executive committee. Delegates continue to arrive in large numbers and over 300 are registered with the secretary of the progressive league. The local organization which has the convention in charge, Governor Vandaman, of Mississippi, was expected to arrive this morning, but a telegram to Judge Pugh from the governor stated he would not be here until tomorrow. Many prominent people identified with the cotton growing interest are present.

There are also many representatives of the cotton oil industry present. Prof. Connell, the editor of the Farm and Ranch, of Dallas, who is recognized as an authority on the boll weevil, said today:

"I have heard some talk that Texas is not taking any interest in this convention. I desire to say Texas is taking a great interest in the proceedings, and I am confident the state will have the best organized delegation in attendance. We want to kill the weevil and we come here with the avowed purpose of lending every assistance we can to stop the flight of the pest eastward."

Delegates have many plans for the eradication of the insect. Dr. S. A. Knapp, in charge of the government work in the boll weevil districts in Texas and Louisiana is reported as saying that the question has been practically solved and that cultural methods are the only hope of the planters. He advocates burning every stalk of cotton while it is yet green. This, he claims, will exterminate the hibernation of the weevils. He says it is extremely important that all fallen squares be picked up and burned. Dr. Knapp claims that the advent of the weevil will encourage the diversification of crops and he says there are many who believe the pest will prove a blessing in disguise. The session of the convention this afternoon will be devoted wholly to organization, and the real business of the meeting will begin tomorrow.

Governor Blanchard delivered an address of welcome at today's session.

### Government to Give Aid.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Secretary Wilson today recommended to the house that an appropriation of \$225,000 be made to meet the emergency caused by the ravages of the cotton boll weevil and other insects, and diseases affecting cotton and to study the diversification of crops, the secretary of agriculture to be authorized to spend the money in co-operation with state experiment stations and practical cotton growers.

### MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MEETS.

Physicians Representing Southern Colleges Gather in Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 13.—The Southern Medical College association, composed of a majority of the medical colleges of the south, met here today in annual convention. Twenty colleges are represented. The morning session was consumed in listening to committee reports and addresses.

The most important matter under discussion is the fixing of educational requirements of students who apply for admission to medical colleges. It is thought probable that an amendment to the constitution will be drafted for requiring a degree from a literary college as a condition of matriculation in the medical colleges under the jurisdiction of the association.

Dr. Christopher Tompkins, president of the association, brought this matter forward in his annual address. Tomorrow the annual convention of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association will begin its annual convention here. Its sessions will last three days.

### CLOTHIER COMMITS SUICIDE.

Little Daughter Finds Body of Father. Bullet Wounds Tell Story.

New York, Dec. 12.—Charles Marks, once a wealthy clothier, but for years dependent on the bounty of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Max Linderman, was found dead last night in his room in the Linderman mansion by his little daughter, Minnie.

The girl, who is 11 years old, had gone to call her father to dinner, and she almost fell over the body. The fact that there were bullet holes in the right and left temples and also in the back of the neck caused Coroner Berry to begin an investigation, though Linderman declared Marks self-slain.

Mr. Marks was wealthy when the clothing business with which he was identified with his father, was sold ten years ago. His wife died a year since and he had brooded over it ever since.

### BRAVE GIRL SAVES TRAIN.

By Presence of Mind She Stops Train and Averts Terrible Calamity.

Owingsville, Ky., Dec. 13.—By the presence of mind pretty Miss Lena Allen, of Ewington, 10 miles west of here, the passengers on the fast C. & O. express from New York to Louisville owe to her their lives.

Miss Allen lives near the railway track, and yesterday, knowing that the express was about due, she glanced toward the high trestle that span a gully. To her horror the trestle was on fire, and great volumes of smoke were rolling upward. Snatching a red covering from the table, the brave girl, without waiting to wrap a cloak about her body, ran. Unable to extinguish the flames, she rushed down the track in the direction of the oncoming train.

The train rolled around the bend and Miss Allen stood in the center of the track and waved the red cloth. The engineer saw it and immediately the great train slackened speed, coming to a standstill a short distance from the trestle. With the aid of passengers the fire was soon extinguished and the damage repaired.

The passengers looked for Miss Allen, but she had gone to her home as soon as the train stopped. A delegation of passengers followed and expressed their thanks with an assurance of further reward. Miss Allen said as she only did her duty she refused to consider herself a heroine in any way.

The fire was caused by the grass and leaves igniting from a passing freight train, and because of the severe drought a disastrous fire was narrow averted.

### BALKED AT USURIOUS INTEREST

Man Claimed He Paid 1,820 Per Cent on Borrowed Money.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 13.—In the trial of the case of John London vs. the Washington Loan Co., it being the enforcement of a levy on the foreclosures of a mortgage on household effects, before Magistrate J. W. Burch, the sensational charge was made against the company defendant that they had required the plaintiff to pay 1,820 per cent on a loan, and a cross-bill was filed by the plaintiff, asking judgment for \$4.66, usurious overcharges.

The evidence showed that London borrowed \$3 from the company and gave as security a mortgage on his household goods. The plaintiff produced receipts to show that since the loan was granted, less than four months, he had paid the company \$8.15. They still held him for the principal, all paid in being charged up to interest on the loan.

Judge Burch declined to give judgment on the cross-bill but dismissed the levy of the company holding that sufficient had been collected from the plaintiff to cancel the principal of \$3.

### QUAGMIRE SWALLOWS TWO.

Men Lose Their Lives Near Wilmington, N. C.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 13.—John H. Gore, Jr., law partner of ex-Governor D. L. Russell, and his brother-in-law, John Brewer, of Franklin, Va., about 18 years of age, were drowned in Cape Fear river, 5 miles below Wilmington, last night.

A canoe in which they were returning to a steam launch up the river from a ducking expedition was capsized by a squall.

Two other companions in a ducking canoe were unable to rescue the men on account of the storm. Searching parties in chartered tugs and steamers have been unable to find any traces of the bodies and it is highly probable they have been swallowed in the quagmire into which the men were precipitated when the boat turned over.

### Race Trouble in Theatre.

Indianapolis, Dec. 13.—Negroes and whites clashed in the gallery of the Park theatre Saturday night just before the show was closed, and then carried the disturbance to the street. In the running fight which followed four shots were fired at the whites. Four negro boys were arrested, charged with shooting with intent to kill. C. D. Ray and Carl Anacker, white boys, were struck by bullets. Just before the curtain was rung down in the final act of "No Wedding Bells for Her," it is alleged a negro called a white boy a vile name and the white boy struck him.

### Boys Dig Their Way to Liberty.

St. Louis, Dec. 13.—Using a piece of broken brass handle of a bureau drawer and the rung of a chair broken off to a point as tools, Austin Logan, aged 15, and Oliver Jones, 14, have dug their way through a 14-inch wall on the floor of the four courts building, where they were confined in the matron's room and crawled through the opening and escaped. After being at liberty for several hours the boys were recaptured and taken to the four courts, where they were looked in one of the cells.

### Blue Point Beds Frozen.

New York, Dec. 13.—Great South Bay, L. I., the home of the Blue Point oysters, is frozen over for the first time before Christmas, in the memory of the traditional "oldest inhabitant." The recent mild weather afforded immense shipments of oysters both to Europe and American houses, but the sudden freeze up has stopped all traffic and tied up many boats. The lifesaving station on South Beach are cut off from the mainland by 5 miles of treacherous ice.

## A MURDER OR A SUICIDE.

Authorities of a Long Island Village Are Not Certain Which to Call It.

The authorities here have a strange and puzzling case to clear up in the death of John W. Heath, who was killed by a load of shot from his own gun in All Souls' summer home, near Sea Cliff, says a correspondent writing from Glen Cove, N. Y. Superficial indications point to suicide, but there are enough unexplained details that justify the suspicion of murder.

Mrs. Van Slyke, who was the only person in the summer home on the night of Heath's death, was expected to tell some things before the acting coroner that would help clear the mystery, but in this the authorities were disappointed. She graphically described a night of terror in the house after she heard the shot and told of her escape from the building on Thursday morning to inform the authorities. Her story was straightforward, and it was evident she had nothing to conceal.

Mrs. Heath said her husband had been drinking heavily, and as he frequently took his meals at the home rather than walk to the cottage she did not worry about his absence.

Mrs. Van Slyke is the wife of James Van Slyke, leader of the Glen Cove orchestra. She is pretty and about twenty-five years old. She said she met Heath while fishing with her husband several weeks ago. He asked her if she wished to do some work in the summer home. She replied she would be glad of an opportunity to increase the family income at some light employment.

She went to All Souls' home on Wednesday morning to dust and clean the larger rooms, and because of the inclement weather she accepted Heath's proposition to remain in the house over night. She retired, she said, about 8 p. m. and slept soundly until about 1:30 a. m. on Thursday. Then she was roused by Heath walking noisily up and down the hall. Opening her door, she asked him what the trouble was and received the reply, "There are White Caps about, and I am afraid of them."

Trembling, Mrs. Van Slyke closed her room door, and almost instantly there was a commotion in the hall. Shuffling feet indicated to her terrified senses that a struggle was going on, but not a voice was heard, although deep breathing was audible. Crouching in a corner of the room, expecting to be attacked, she heard the sound of a shot. Then all was still as the grave. Frightened almost to death and fearing to make the slightest move, Mrs. Van Slyke shivered and quaked the rest of the night in the corner of the room to which she had retreated when she heard the first sounds of the scuffle. When dawn broke she plucked up courage and donned her clothing, but was not equal to the ordeal of passing out through the hall where she felt certain the body of Heath was lying. She waited until 9 a. m., and then she hurried, half fainting, from the room. As



SEE SAW THE BODY IN A SITTING POSITION.

she passed the open door of Heath's room she saw the body in a sitting position on the floor, the back resting against the wall. The hands were folded across the breast, and the shotgun rested against the folded hands.

Almost fainting, the woman found her way to Sea Cliff and told of the tragedy.

Justice Cocks questioned Mrs. Van Slyke very minutely and learned that Heath and her husband had gone fishing together frequently and that she had accompanied them sometimes. In that manner she had become acquainted with the caretaker.

She was positive Heath wore his boots and that it was their noise that awoke her. Those who were first to reach the house after the alarm had been given found the caretaker's boots on the floor below the room in which he was murdered. On his feet were white socks, which were not soiled, and the impression given was that they had been drawn over his feet after he had been shot.

The odd position of the gun resting against the dead man's hands is another detail, trifling maybe, but one to which the authorities attach much importance.

### JINGLES AND JESTS.

#### Ma's Advantage.

Wish I wuz an ignerent body like ma; She's never a-scar't o' the dark; She don't know a lion is under the bed And ogres are standin' jest-hark! Jest there in the shadder, and bogies may come And ghosts ris right out o' the grave! Gee whiz, when you don't know what's settin' around It's easy enough to be brave! —New York Press.

#### Not Necessary.

Mother—I understand Mr. Huggard is to call upon you again this evening? Ethel—Of course, mamma. We're engaged. Mother—What! Didn't I tell you not to give that young man any encouragement at all? Ethel—Yes, mamma, but he didn't need any encouragement. —Philadelphia Press.

#### Point Him Out.

It is easy enough to be pleasant When the other man's boy's knocked silly, But the man worth while Is the man who can smile When they chew up a little Willie. —Chicago Record-Herald.

#### Point of View.

She—I think every woman is entitled to be considered man's equal. He (her admirer)—Well, if she is willing to bring herself down to his level I don't see why she shouldn't be allowed to pose as his equal.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

#### His Harvest.

"Hurrah!" cried a jubilant plumber. "We've bidden farewell to the summer; A pipe I shall mend, And then I shall send A bill that is truly a hummer." —Puck.

#### Incomplete.

Recent Investor—Well, if we did pay too much for the property we have a lot to be thankful for.

Mrs. Recent Investor—Yes, a lot, but they ain't any house on it.—Baltimore American.

#### Bold Fellow.

"You dare!" she cried. An angry glow Across her features flamed. He dared, and then she whispered low, "You ought to be ashamed." —Philadelphia Press.

#### Her Turn Next.

Aunt Florence—You don't seem to be sorry that your sister has been married and left you. Ethel (aged fifteen)—No; it makes me eligible now.—Philadelphia Ledger.

#### Yam, Yam!

Oh, pumpkin pie and apple May please the Yankee man, But, oh, the smell of scrapple A-sizzlin' in the pan! —Atlanta Constitution.

#### Mind Reading.

Fibbins—I suppose you think I'm a jackass. Burt—I say, you want to stop selling dry goods and go into the clairvoyant business.—Boston Transcript.

#### Better or Worse.

Betting is a foolish pastime—Think it over for awhile—For there'll never be a last time Till you've bet and lost your pile. —Denver News.

#### Envy.

Maud—I envy the Japanese army. Lillian—Why? Maud—They get mixed up in so many engagements, you know. —Boston Globe.

#### Warranted Pure.

The jeweler says, "One Needs scarcely to be told The setting of the sun Is usually gold." —Brooklyn Life.

#### Turned Over.

Church—And then after awhile a complete turn came in my life. Gotham—I say, old man, you talk as if you were a pancake!—Yonkers Statesman.

#### Sluggards.

"It's never too late to learn," we're told. However, we beg to state, There's little we learn as we grow old Except that it is too late. —Catholic Standard and Times.

#### The Latest in Golf.

De Style—What is the latest fad in golf? Gunbusta—Having real detectives track up your lost balls.—St. Louis Republic.

#### "He Who Dances."

Jack Frost will bust your water pipes. That makes you dance, and when The plumber comes to fix the pipes You pay the piper then. —Boston Globe.

#### Licensed Crime.

Doctor—I think I'll have to call in some other physicians for consultation. Patient—Go ahead. Get as many accomplices as you wish.—Town Topics.

#### One View.

They say that dead men tell no tales, In death's long, listless nights, Of this or other worlds to come—And yet the funeral rites. —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

#### The Butter In.

Howell—Rowell is always butting in. Powell—I know it. He would interrupt a man when he was borrowing money.—New York Tribune.

#### Appreciation.

To read them o'er I love to pause—Those poems in the magazine—They really soothe me more because I never know just what they mean. —Washington Star.

#### Still Insinuating.

Bill—A man wouldn't expect to be cheated in church, now, would he? Jill—No, not unless he was married there.—Yonkers Statesman.

#### One View of It.

Here's the lesson of it—Take it as you choose! Folks that keep the happiest Ain't got much to lose! —Atlanta Constitution.

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